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AGENT

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Examiner: Fletcher,
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action of July 2, 2007, claims of Group I (claims 1-20 and 39-54) are elected for examination, with traverse

In the Office Action, the claims of Group II were stated to be "claims 20-28" which are drawn to a method. It is assumed that Group II actually includes claims 21-38, which are all of the method claims in the application. Claim 21 is the independent claim, and claims 22-38 are all dependent claims depending from independent claim 21.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, it was noted that the inventions of Groups I and II are related as product and process of use. Justification for restriction was stated to be: "In the instant case, the composition can be used in the process of forming a unitary, unsupported, and cured sheet of the film former."

A comparison of claims 1 and 21 shows that the method of claim 21 makes use of the jobsite-renewable floor finish defined in claim 1. Claims 1 and 21 read as follows:

1. A jobsite-renewable floor finish comprising a film former and sufficient lightness-inducing pigment to provide a translucent hardened finish layer having an increased lightness value.

21. A floor coating method comprising applying to a flooring substrate a mixture comprising a film former and sufficient lightness-inducing pigment to provide a translucent jobsite-renewable finish having an increased lightness value.

The assertion in the Office Action that the composition can be used to form an unsupported sheet ignores the phrases "floor finish" and "finish layer" that appear in claim 1. An unsupported sheet is neither a "floor finish" nor a "finish layer". Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested, so that all claims 1-54 can be examined in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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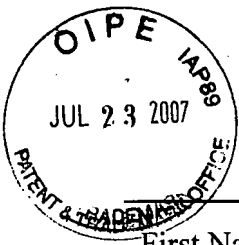
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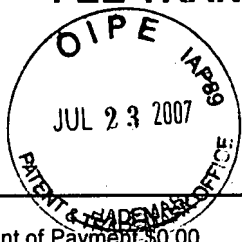
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Appn. Type	FILING FEE FEE/SMALL	SEARCH FEES FEE/SMALL	EXAM FEES FEE/SMALL	FEES
Utility	300 / 150	500 / 250	200 / 100	—
Design	200 / 100	100 / 50	130 / 65	—
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Number Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee from Fee Paid Below
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Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Description
1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20
1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple Dependent Claim
1204	200	2204	100	Reissue Independent Claims Over Original Patent
1205	50	2205	25	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 small) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 C.F.R. 1.16(s). \$-0-

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath	—
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	—
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For Filing a Request for Reexamination	—
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1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	—
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	—
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	—
1255	2,160	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	—
1402	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	—
1403	1,000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing	—
1814	130	2814	65	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	—
1452	500	2452	250	Petition to revive - unavoidable	—
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1501	1,400	2501	700	Utility/Reissue issue fee	—
1502	800	2502	400	Design issue fee	—
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	—
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	—
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	—
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